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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The foreign patents were previously submitted in the IDS filed on January 26, 2010. In the IDS, RU 2187261 was provided with the English-language translation of the abstract and the reference itself; however, the translation was located on the second page of the document. SU 1535542 was provided without an English-language translation of the abstract. On March 10, 2010, both references were crossed out by the Examiner. The references are listed again on the enclosed PTO/SB/08. For the Examiner's convenience, the foreign patents now include English

language translations of the abstract as the first page of the document. The undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the references and their respective abstracts.

The Dialog English-language abstract of DE 19812195 was previously submitted in the IDS filed on January 26, 2010 without listing a publication date and was crossed out by the Examiner on March 10, 2010. A shorter English-language abstract of DE 19812195 was provided along with the reference itself in the IDS filed on January 26, 2010 and was considered by the Examiner on March 10, 2010. Similarly, the examination file history of EP 01310810 was submitted on January 26, 2010 without a publication date and was crossed out by the examiner on March 10, 2010. These references are listed again on the enclosed PTO/SB/08 with their respective publication dates. The undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these references.

Applicant(s) have become aware of an additional non-patent literature reference cited in a Japanese Office Action issued February 8, 2011 in a related case, Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2004-233655. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(4), Applicant(s) hereby submit this document for the Examiner's consideration. The document is cited on the enclosed PTO/SB/08. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is not submitted herewith.

Applicant(s) also direct the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending and granted patent applications, the prosecution of which may be relevant to the present application.

- Appl. No. 10/775,034 of Kladakis et al. (see Office Actions dated November 30, 2006, April 30, 2007, May 7, 2007, May 2, 2008, December 11, 2008, July 29, 2009, and January 14, 2010)
- Appl. No. 10/729,046 of Harmon et al., now U.S. Patent No. 7,901,461 (see Office Actions dated June 17, 2005, December 19, 2005, March 7, 2006, May 15, 2006, November 8, 2006, February 23, 2007, May 24, 2007, March 27, 2008, August 18, 2008, October 2, 2008, March 25, 2009, July 27, 2009, November 3, 2009, Notices of Allowance dated June 15, 2010, September 29, 2010, and October 7, 2010)
- Appl. No. 10/723,982 of Binette et al., now U.S. Patent No. 7,316,822 (see Office Actions dated July 27, 2006, January 4, 2007, April 18, 2007, May 16, 2007, and Notice of Allowance dated August 17, 2007)
- Appl. No. 10/374,754 of Binette et al., now U.S. Patent No. 7,824,701 (see Office Actions dated March 24, 2006, September 1, 2006, February 26, 2007, May 15, 2007, September 1,

2007, March 18, 2008, September 16, 2008, December 4, 2008, September 9, 2009, December 18, 2009, and Notice of Allowance dated June 21, 2010)

- Appl. No. 10/374,772 of Gosiewska et al., now abandoned (see Office Actions dated April 19, 2006, September 14, 2006, May 16, 2007, December 3, 2007, February 29, 2008, September 2, 2008, February 27, 2009, June 8, 2009, January 4, 2010 and BPAI decision dated September 22, 2010)
- Appl. No. 11/427,477 of Dhanaraj et al. (see Office Actions dated August 8, 2008, January 15, 2009, March 24, 2009, September 28, 2009, March 10, 2010, October 19, 2010 and Notice of Allowance dated June 8, 2010)
- Appl. No. 10/610,362 of Malaviya et al. (see Office Actions dated August 9, 2005, February 3, 2006, April 14, 2006, July 31, 2006, February 5, 2007, April 12, 2007, August 8, 2007, January 28, 2008, July 11, 2008, October 10, 2008, April 28, 2009, July 13, 2009, October 15, 2009, March 26, 2010 and July 14, 2010)
- Appl. No. 09/747,488 of Bowman et al., now U.S. Patent No. 6,852,330 (see Office Actions dated October 22, 2002, March 12, 2003, July 28, 2003, February 12, 2004 and Notice of Allowance dated September 28, 2004)
- Appl. No. 10/022,182 of Melican et al., now abandoned (see Office Actions dated November 17, 2003, May 5, 2004, November 26, 2004, and June 16, 2005)
- Appl. No. 10/320,751 of Binette et al., now U.S. Patent No. 6,884,428 (see Office Action dated May 3, 2004 and Notice of Allowance dated October 20, 2004)
- Appl. No. 11/280,189 of Bowman et al. (see Office Actions dated September 15, 2009, March 3, 2010 and August 19, 2010)
- Appl. No. 10/638,562 of Binette et al. (see Office Actions dated December 9, 2005, August 23, 2006, November 9, 2006, January 11, 2007, July 9, 2007, September 26, 2007, January 11, 2008, October 9, 2008, January 28, 2009, June 19, 2009, January 15, 2010, and April 22, 2010)
- Appl. No. 11/947,384 of Binette et al., now U.S. Patent No. 7,875,296 (see Notice of Allowance dated September 13, 2010)
- Appl. No. 10/458,615 of Melican et al., now abandoned (see Office Actions dated September 27, 2005, February 22, 2006, May 31, 2006, November 27, 2006, and May 30, 2007)
- Appl. No. 12/887,011 of Binette et al. (see Office Action dated February 2, 2011)
- Appl. No. 12/951,205 of Binette et al. (see Office Action dated February 25, 2011)
- Appl. No. 12/980,544 of Binette et al. (no Office Action issued)
- Appl. No. 13/018,900 of Harmon et al. (no Office Action issued)

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of an Office Action on the merits after the filing of a request for continued examination, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (37 CFR 1.97(c)).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56 (b).

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references. The required fee in the amount of \$180.00 is being filed herewith, and the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 22956-261.

Respectfully submitted,

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